

## AMENDMENT

### Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings or versions thereof:

1. (Currently amended) A method for diagnosing risk of spontaneous abortion comprising:  
  
providing ~~contact between~~ (a) contacting a sample of body fluid ~~and~~ with an antigen capable of binding to an antibody to platelet activating factor (PAF), ~~and~~ (b) assessing the presence and/or concentration of said antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF in the sample of body fluid by measuring antibodies bound to said antigen; and (c) evaluating said ~~diagnosing the risk of spontaneous abortion based on the presence and/or concentration of said antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF in said sample of body fluid as an indicator of risk or spontaneous abortion.~~
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~comprising~~ wherein measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF ~~by~~ comprises an immunoassay.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~comprising~~ wherein measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF ~~by~~ comprises an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~comprising~~ wherein measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF ~~by~~ comprises a radioimmunoassay.
5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~comprising measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF in~~ wherein said body fluid is serum prepared from a blood sample.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~comprising measuring the presence and/or concentration of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies to an antigen capable of binding to antibodies to PAF in~~ wherein said body fluid is plasma prepared from a blood sample.
7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~sample of~~ body fluid is a human blood sample or fraction thereof, and ~~the measuring of antibodies to PAF and/or of antibodies capable of binding to antibodies to PAF is by~~ comprises an immunoassay.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said antigen ~~capable of binding to antibodies to PAF~~ is phospholcholine.
- 9-10. (Canceled)
11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said antigen ~~capable of binding to antibodies to PAF~~ is lysophosphatidylcholine.
- 12-23. (Canceled)